

**JOURNAL AND REGULAR PROCEEDINGS OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON DECEMBER 1, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Abbott called the regular board meeting to order at 7:30 p.m

ROLL CALL

Roll call revealed the following Trustees present:
Trustees Myers, Lyzenga, Lucas, Stole and Kapteyn
Trustee Butler was absent.

Mayor Abbott introduced Pastor Bryndan Loritts of the First Baptist Church in Lansing who offered a prayer.

PRESENTATION OF
MINUTES

1. Mayor Abbott asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes of the CDBG Public Hearing of November 17th, 2009. There were none. Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
Trustee Myers so moved
Trustee Kapteyn seconded

ROLL CALL

Yeas-4 -Trustees:
Nays-0
Abstained - 1
Minutes accepted.

Myers, Lyzenga, Stole, and Kapteyn

Trustee Lucas

2. Mayor Abbott asked if there were any corrections or additions to the November 17, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes. There were none and Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to accept the minutes.
Trustee Myers so moved
Trustee Kapteyn seconded
Trustee Lucas abstained

ROLL CALL

Yeas-4 -Trustees:
Nays-0
Abstained- 1
Minutes accepted.

Myers, Lyzenga, Stole, and Kapteyn

Trustee Lucas

MAYORS REPORT

1. Mayor Abbott presented Timmie Watkins with a plaque for forty years of service as the Public Works Superintendent.
Mr. Watkins said a few words and thanked his family, the Mayor and Trustees.
Mayor Abbott asked Trustee Kapteyn to say a few words. Trustee Kapteyn thanked Mr. Watkins for the time they worked together.

2. Mayor Abbott announced the Village Food Drive that will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 5th at the Lansing Food Pantry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

In the absence of Trustee Butler, Trustee Lucas handled the approval of bills.

Trustee Lucas made a motion to approve the following:
 Payroll for pay period ending 11/14/09 in the amount of \$501,963.36
 Corporate Prepaid Bills for 11/30/09 in the amount of \$5,243.89
 Corporate Bills for 12/01/09, in the amount of \$469,739.06
 Library Prepaid Bills for 11/29/09, in the amount of \$26,277.82
 Library Bills for 12/01/09 in the amount of \$32,134.50
 Seconded by Trustee Myers

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas-5-Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Lucas and Stole
 Nays- 0
 Motion declared carried

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No Report

PUBLIC WORKS

Trustee Kapteyn announced that the Fall Leaf Program is still in progress. He also read some highlights from the monthly report from Public Works.
 Mr. Watkins announced that the 170th Street water tank painting is complete and the tank will soon be filled with water.

Mayor Abbott said he will take the blame for the leaf pickup program being behind. He stated the rain and budget cuts were responsible for the tardiness of some leaves being picked up.
 The Mayor further stated that from now on the leaf program will not be scheduled but will be done as Public Works has time.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Trustee Myers explained that the old Village of Lansing siren system was replaced last year with a new system. She said that the Village of Dolton would like to have the old sirens to use for parts for their matching system. Chief Murrin explained that he wants to donate the old system to the Village of Dolton.

Mayor Abbott said that the sirens are from 1949 and that Dolton wants them for parts. Trustee Stole asked what we would do with the sirens if we do not give them to Dolton. Chiefs Murrin and Gregorovic said that they are of no use to us and that they would recommend that we give them to Dolton.
 Attorney Anderson will make inquiries at the request of Trustee Myers and the Village Board as to the responsibility of the Village of Lansing as far as liability while the sirens are being removed by the Village of Dolton.

Trustee Myers made a motion to give the old sirens to the Village of Dolton.
 Trustee Lucas seconded

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas-5-Trustees: Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Lucas and Stole
 Nays- 0
 Motion declared carried

ORDINANCE

Trustee Lucas made a motion to approve Ordinance number 09-039, an Ordinance Creating a Special Use Permitting the Operation of a Day Care Facility at 2454 170th Street.
Trustee Myers seconded.

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas-3-Trustees: Myers, Kapteyn and Lyzenga
Nays- 2 Lucas and Stole

Motion failed for lack of a majority vote.

Trustee Myers brought to the attention of the board the presence of the applicants.
Mr. Anderson and Mayor Abbott said that they did not realize that the applicants were present, as they were not present at the beginning of the meeting.

Mr. Anderson called the applicants to the front and explained to them that the Trustees are not all present and this type of Special Use calls for a 2/3's vote. Mr. Anderson further stated that normally if all the trustees are not in attendance the applicants are given the option of having the request removed from the agenda. Since the applicants were not present when the meeting was called to order, that option was not given to them.

Mr. Anderson suggested that under the circumstances the board may want to permit a re-vote.

Trustee Stole objected to a re-vote.
The applicant gave reasons for being late to the meeting.
Mayor Abbott said that the vote would stand.

YOUTH CENTER
& LNN

Trustee Lucas – no report.

Trustee Lucas announced that she would be at the “Meet the Mayor” event on Thursday December 3rd at the 6:00 p.m.. This event is being hosted by the Lansing Presbyterian Church.

AVIATION

Trustee Stole said that he had nothing on the agenda

INSURANCE

Trustee Stole introduced Stacey Hastings, Director of Human Resources, to explain the IMLRMA MIN/MAX Contribution.
Mrs. Hastings explained the packet of information she had previously given to each of the board members.
There were no questions.
Trustee Stole made a motion to adopt ordinance number **09-040**, an Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of the IMLRMA Minimum/Maximum Contribution Agreement.
Trustee Myers seconded

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas-5-Trustees: Stole, Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn and Lucas
Nays - 0
Motion carried

BUILDINGS & ADA

Trustee Lyzenga said that he had nothing on the agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ed Lugowski asked why Trustee Stole voted no on the Special Use for a Day Care earlier on the agenda. He mentioned that Trustee Stole had no questions the previous week.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.
Trustee Lucas so moved
Trustee Kapteyn seconded

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas –5– Trustees

Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Lucas and Stole

Nays – 0

Motion declared carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Several residents in the audience immediately stood up and voiced that they did not have the opportunity to be heard. Mayor Abbott explained that the time for them to speak would have been during public comment part of the agenda. The residents said that they did not understand that was the way the meeting was run.

There was a short discussion among the Village Board and Mayor Abbot asked if any of the Trustees wanted to make a motion to reopen the meeting.

Trustee Lucas so moved

Trustee Myers seconded

Mayor Abbott said that the meeting is reopened for the sole purpose to hear Public Comment.

Mr. Charles Kocher of 17230 Henry said that he and several of his neighbors were present at the meeting tonight because they feel nothing is being done about the crime in their neighborhood and that he and many others on his block have been victims of crime recently. He further stated that his wife was attacked near their home today and that she is in the hospital.

Mr. David Foreman of 17226 Henry said that he feels the police are doing nothing about the crime in Lansing.

Mr. Kocher said that he has just heard from the hospital and gotten a grim report on his wife who was attacked today. She has an injury to her jaw.

Sherri Sobo of 17210 Henry said that she also feels that the police have not been patrolling near her home.

Amados Raos of 17218 Henry said that he had to call the Lansing Police twice in just a few days and the officer told him it would be better if he handled the problem himself.

Janice Lane of 17206 Henry said that she has called the police many times and that the police presence is almost non-existence.

Sherri Sobo spoke again and said the police are doing nothing to protect the entire block.

Mr. Kocher spoke again and said that his house was broken into Thanksgiving Eve. The police officer that responded said that they do not take fingerprints any longer.

Today a car rode up and down the street and the occupants yelled out the window that they are taking over the block. The car was a blue Thunderbird.

Mayor Abbot made several comments and told the residents that he would make sure that he talks to the Police Chief and that these problems will be addressed.

The Police Chief (Dennis Murrin) said that he would be glad to meet with the residents immediately following the meeting.

Mayor Abbott asked for a motion to adjourn to go into Executive Session.

Trustee Myers so moved

Trustee Lucas seconded

ROLL CALL ON MOTION

Yeas –5– Trustees

Myers, Lyzenga, Kapteyn, Lucas and Stole

Nays – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Patricia L. Eidam
Village Clerk